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## WELDING INSPECTION REPORT

Resident Engineer: Siegenthaler, Peter **Report No:** WIR-020580 Address: 333 Burma Road **Date Inspected:** 10-Feb-2011

City: Oakland, CA 94607

**Project Name:** SAS Superstructure **OSM Arrival Time:** 630 **OSM Departure Time:** 1500 **Prime Contractor:** American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV Contractor: American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV **Location:** Job Site

**CWI Name:** See Below **CWI Present:** Yes No **Inspected CWI report:** Yes N/A **Rod Oven in Use:** Yes No No N/A N/A **Electrode to specification:** Yes No Weld Procedures Followed: Yes No N/A **Qualified Welders:** Yes No N/A **Verified Joint Fit-up:** Yes No N/A N/A Yes N/A **Approved Drawings:** Yes No **Approved WPS:** No **Delayed / Cancelled:** Yes No N/A

34-0006 **Bridge No: Component:** Orthotropic Box Girders

### **Summary of Items Observed:**

At the start of the shift the Quality Assurance Inspector (QAI) traveled to the project site and observed the following work performed by American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises (AB/F) personnel at the locations noted below:

- A). "A" Deck Stiffeners
- B). Pipe Welding
- C). QC Inspection Request
- D). QAI UT Verification
- E). Miscellaneous Task

#### A). "A" Deck Stiffeners

The QAI observed the welder, Xiao Jian Wan ID-9677, perform the CJP groove welding on the longitudinal stiffener field splice identified as WN: 2W-3W-A-LS1. The welder utilized the SMAW process as per the Welding Procedure Specification (WPS) identified as ABF-WPS-D15-1012-3, Rev.0 and was also utilized by the QC inspector Mr. Allder as a reference. The amperage was recorded as 124 amps by the QC inspector. The welding was performed by the welder in the vertical (3G) position with the work placed in an approximate vertical plane and the groove approximately vertical. The minimum preheat temperature of 100 degrees Celsius and the interpass temperature of 230 degrees Celsius appeared to comply with the contract documents. The welder utilized a slag hammer and a wire wheel attached to a 4" high cycle grinder to remove slag after deposit of each fill pass. The electrodes were stored in electrically heated, thermostatically controlled oven after removal from the sealed containers. The exposure limits of the electrodes identified as E9018-H4R and the minimum storage oven

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temperature of 250 degrees Celsius appeared to be in compliance with the contract documents. At the time of the observation no issues were noted by the QAI.

#### B). Pipe Welding

The QAI observed the welder, Rick Kiikvee-ID-5319, perform the Complete Joint Penetration (CJP) groove welding of the field pipe splices for the 4" compressed air service and 2.5" utility water lines located at the W2 Bent Cap of the east bound girders. The welding was performed utilizing the Weld Procedure Specification (WPS) identified as 1-12-1 which was also utilized by the QC inspector, Steve Jensen, to monitor the welding and to verify the welding parameters. The QC inspector verified the welding parameters and were observed as 667amps.

#### C). QC Inspection Request

At the request of Quality Control Field Supervisor, Bonifacio Daquinag, the QAI randomly verified the QC Ultrasonic Testing (UT) of the Complete Joint Penetration (CJP) welding of the following; WN: 8W-9W-A2, A3 and A4. The QAI verification was performed to verify the testing performed by the QC inspector meet the requirements of the contract documents. At the conclusion of the QAI verification it appeared that the welds and the QC inspection complies with the contract documents.

## D). QAI UT Verification

The QAI performed an ultrasonic verification test of the "A" Deck field spliceidentified as WN: 8W-9W-A2,A3 and A4. A total area of approximately 10% was ultrasonically tested to verify the weld and testing by QC meet the requirements of the contract documents. The examination was performed in the first and second leg of the Complete Joint Penetration (CJP) groove weld. An ultrasonic test report identified as TL6027, was generated on this date.

#### E). Miscellaneous Task

The QAI also performed a review and update of the project progress utilizing QA field reports and NDT reports. The updated project information was documented into the various QA tracking logs.

## QA Observation and Verification Summary

The QA inspector observed the QC activities and the welding of the field splices utilizing the WPS as noted above, which appeared to be posted at the weld station. The welding parameters and surface temperatures were verified by the QC inspectors utilizing a Fluke 337 clamp meter for the electrical welding parameters and a Fluke 63 IR Thermometer for verifying the preheat and interpass temperatures. The ESAB consumables utilized for the SMAW welding process appeared to comply with the AWS Specification and AWS Classification. The QC inspection, testing and welding performed on this shift appeared to be in general compliance with the contract documents. At random intervals, the QAI verified the QC inspection, testing, welding parameters and the surface temperatures utilizing various inspection equipment and gages which included a Fluke 337 Clamp Meter and Tempilstik Temperature indicators.

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The digital photographs below illustrate some of the work observed during this scheduled shift.





## **Summary of Conversations:**

There were general conversations with Quality Control Inspector Bonifacio Daquinag, Jr. at the start of the shift regarding the location of American Bridge/Fluor welding, inspection and N.D.E. testing personnel scheduled for this shift.

#### **Comments**

This report is for the purpose of determining conformance with the contract documents and is not for the purpose of making repair or fit for purpose recommendations. Should you require recommendations concerning repairs or remedial efforts please contact Nina Choy (510) 385-5910, who represents the Office of Structural Materials for your project.

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